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SUBJECT: Army Sea Duty Ribbon

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1. **Purpose.** This letter is to announce policy on awarding and processing requests for the Army Sea Duty Ribbon (ASDR).
2. **Applicability.** This policy applies to the Active Army, the United States Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States, and the United States Army Reserve unless otherwise stated.
3. **Proponent and exception authority.** The proponent for this policy is the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1. The proponent has the authority to approve exceptions or waivers to this regulation that are consistent with controlling law and regulations. The proponent may delegate this authority, in writing, to a division chief within the proponent agency or its direct reporting unit or field operating agency, in the grade of colonel or civilian equivalent. Activities may request a waiver to this regulation by providing justification that includes a full analysis of the expected benefits and must include formal review by the activity's senior legal officer. All waiver requests will be endorsed by the commander or senior leader of the requesting activity and forwarded through their higher headquarters to the policy proponent. Refer to AR 25-30 for specific guidance.
4. **References.**
 - a. *Required References.*
 - (1) AR 600-8-22, Military Awards.
 - (2) AR 56-9, Watercraft.
 - (3) AR 600-88, Sea Duty.
 - b. *Related References.* AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia.
5. **Explanations of abbreviations and terms.**
 - a. ASDR—Army Sea Duty Ribbon.
 - b. ARNG—Army National Guard.
 - c. AT—Annual Training.
 - d. CG, USA HRC—Commanding General, U.S. Army Human Resources Command.

- d. DCS, G-1—Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1.
- d. USAR—United States Army Reserve.
- e. USAV—United States Army Vessel.

6. Responsibilities.

- a. The Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 (DCS, G-1) will exercise Department of the Army responsibility and serve as the senior Army official on matters concerning military awards.
- b. The Commanding General, U.S. Army Human Resources Command (CG, USA HRC), will conduct and supervise all military awards functions prescribed in this letter. The CG, USA HRC will act on behalf of DCS, G-1 when so delegated and directed.
- c. The Commandant, Adjutant General School, will ensure that the branch implements this letter.

7. Overview. The following policy will be incorporated in the next revision of AR 600-8-22.

8. Policy. On 17 April 2006, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) approved the establishment of the ASDR. It is awarded to members of the Active Army, Army National Guard (ARNG), and United States Army Reserve (USAR) for completion of designated periods of sea duty aboard Class A and Class B United States Army Vessels (USAV) as defined in AR 56-9, table 1-1. The ASDR is also authorized to be awarded for duty aboard other qualifying vessels when the vessels meet the requirements of AR 600-88, paragraph 1-7.

a. *Description.* The ASDR consists of the basic ribbon with bronze service star appurtenances which signify the completion of respective periods of qualifying sea duty.

b. *Requirements for award.*

(1) *For Active Duty members.* Active duty members must complete two years of cumulative sea duty on a Class A or B USAV or for duty aboard other qualifying vessels when such vessels meet the requirements of AR 600-88, paragraph 1-7 to be awarded the ASDR. Subsequent awards are authorized upon completion of additional two years of cumulative sea duty as outlined above.

(2) *For ARNG and USAR members.* Members of the ARNG and USAR must have two creditable years in a U.S. Army watercraft unit, which must include a minimum of 25 days underway during each year and two annual training exercises underway on a Class A or B USAV or a 90-day deployment aboard a USAV, underway. Subsequent awards are authorized upon completion of additional qualifying periods of sea duty as outlined above.

(3) *For mobilized Soldiers.* One year of sea duty as a mobilized soldier will be credited toward one creditable year as long as the minimum underway requirement is met.

(4) *For members of other Services.* Members of other services are authorized to be awarded the ASDR as outlined in paragraphs 8b(1) and 8b(2), above, consistent with their respective Service policies and concurrence, in accordance with AR 600-8-22, paragraph 1-36.

c. *Posthumous Award.* For first award only, an individual may be posthumously awarded the ASDR prior to completion of service criteria as defined above, provided the member's death is ruled as in the line of duty.

d. *Award approval authority.* The Chief, Marine Qualification Division, is the approval authority for award of the ASDR to eligible Service members. Eligible members or their next of kin may submit requests for the ASDR to the Chief, Marine Qualification Division,

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e. Retroactive Award. The ASDR may be awarded retroactively to those personnel who were credited with service as defined in paragraphs 8c above, after 1 August 1952, the activation date of the first heavy boat company in the Transportation Corps. Eligible members or their next of kin may submit requests for the ASDR to the Chief, Marine Qualification Division, Attention: Career Pay Office, HRC, Building 705, Room 231, 705 Read Street, Fort Eustis, VA 23604-5407. Requests should include the individual's full name, social security number or serial number, dates of service, DD Form 214 (if applicable), and information concerning the individual's qualifying sea service duty.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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